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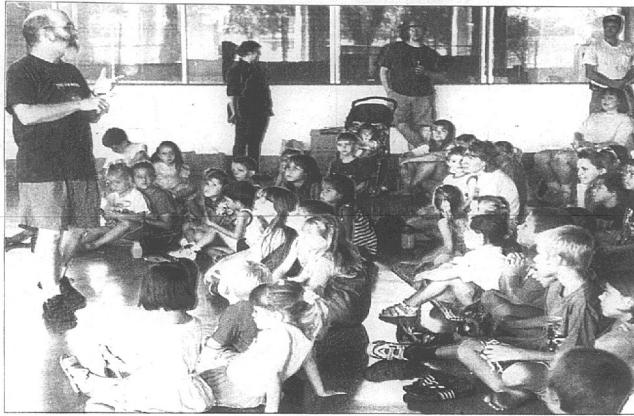
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Dan Hechenberger entertains children at the Wilson Park Ice Rink.

Tim Stephenson photo

Storyteller captivates kids

Show entertains, educates youngsters

By Michael Hell
Staff writer

Drums pounded and the serene sounds of nature transcended through the Wilson Park Ice Rink Friday morning as talented storyteller Dan Hechenberger enriched about 100 children and a handful of parents with a puppet show depicting the life of the Illiniwek Indians, the native tribe of Illinois.

"I'm trying to teach kids about the original people who once lived on this land," Hechenberger said. "This program is an entertaining way to capture their attention and imagination."

The stage consisted of an authentic wigwam, complete with an honored host. Hechenberger used three puppets — a muskrat, bird and otter — from behind it to describe magical scenes reflecting wetland animals helping the Illiniwek build their mat lodges.

Hechenberger presented the story through

the eyes of an elderly Illiniwek speaking to a child.

The children and parents sang Illiniwek songs, up-tempo music and listened

intently to how he described the scenes. At the show's completion, Hechenberger spoke to the youngsters and answered questions for several minutes. Before he left to say, "nawa," an Illiniwek word meaning "thank you."

Kim Witt, who attended the program with her daughters, Carol, 5, and Bridgett, 8, said the program was educational.

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Businesses looking at Kerr Island

City will ask IDOT to add western access point to area

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Several transportation-related firms have expressed interest in building facilities in Vicksburg's Kerr Island area.

To help the projects along, Venice Mayor Tyrone Echols was given permission at Tuesday's City Council meeting to request that the Illinois Department of Transportation add a western access point to the intersection of Illinois 3 and the McKinley

Bridge approach.

Echols said the road would allow better access to the Kerr Island area, where city officials hope to spur some industrial growth in the city.

Located between the McKinley and Merchants bridges, the area is mostly overgrown and has one business, a tavern.

"We've been talking with one company," he said. Officials from another trucking company

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Work is under way on a new rail yard near the Gateway Commerce Center.



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Group upgrades web site

Leadership Council hopes it will help promote area

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Last year the Leadership Council Southwestern Illinois listed the council's age by introducing its new web site. With a number of new improvements added recently, Leadership Council officials say it will become an even more important tool in promoting the Madison and St. Clair county area.

Located at www.lcswil.com, the site focuses on the quality of the areas transportation system,

available economic incentives and the area's business parks and their almost 5,000 acres of land.

"It's a very consistent message dealing with transportation assets of Southwestern Illinois," said James Pennekamp, executive director of the Council.

The feedback that I've gotten back on it is absolutely excellent," Pennekamp said. "It's been extremely effective. When somebody calls from outside this area, and I am in a conversation with them, I

have found it very effective to refer them to our web site to give them a geographic reference."

With the addition of improvements including additional and updated business park information and a more user-friendly format, the Council plans to begin a direct marketing campaign to promote the web site to real estate professionals and business executives around the country.

"I designed the Web site to keep up with the fast trends evolving in e-commerce," he added.

"I would hope we would get to the point that if somebody was interested in intermodal transportation or the distribution industry, they would be able to type in a couple of keywords and we would be one of the first sites to come up," Pennekamp said.

He said that a productive Web site is a "must have" for economic developers.

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1st meeting of bridge task force is Wednesday

Group to 'brainstorm some ideas,' Papa says

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

The first meeting of a task force set up by Madison County and City Clerk Rudy Papa to find a solution to problems facing the McKinley Bridge is set for Wednesday.

The group will meet at 9 a.m. at the offices of the East-West Gateway Coordinating Council, 911 Washington St., St. Louis.

"We're going to brainstorm some ideas, get some background on the bridge, and hopefully come up with a long-term solution on the bridge," said Papa, who also chairs the East-West Council.

The city of St. Louis had planned to reconstruct off the western portion of the bridge for about \$500,000 in back taxes for 1994-1996.

The Venice City Council decided that for about three months by paying St. Louis \$58,000.

The city stopped paying

taxes because the money was needed as a local match for a \$7.5 million rehabilitation project on the bridge's eastern approaches.

Because of declining traffic and added maintenance expenses, the city never resumed paying the taxes. The city challenged the tax, it was upheld in Missouri courts.

If Venice loses control of the western portion of the bridge, it would effectively kill a planned \$12 million rehabilitation project planned for next year.

Without rehabilitation the bridge deck on the western side is expected to fall within 3-5 years, and if Venice would stop performing monthly maintenance on the western side of the bridge — about \$400,000-\$500,000 per month — the bridge would probably be closed much sooner.

The task force is expected to include officials from Federal, state and local agencies on both sides of the river.

The bridge's financial situation has become more precarious in the past year.

Last October the city defaulted on \$4 million in bonds owed on the bridge. An agreement between the city and bondholders was finally reached, but the interest rate on the outstanding bonds was

tripled to 6 percent from 2 percent.

The city has also delayed the inspection and maintenance on the bridge since 1994. It was the cost of those measures — requested by the Illinois Department of Transportation — that forced the city to choose to stop payment of property taxes to the city of St. Louis.

Recent recent traffic studies have shown decreasing ridership on the bridge, and that it is unlikely that those vehicles will return once completed with the prospect of a new bridge just about one mile to the south.

An assessment agreement worth \$250,000 per year with the Terminal Railroad Association also expired recently.

Despite the problems associated with the bridge, it is still considered a very important link in the region's transportation system.

Christmas Ideas festival to be Nov. 20 at center

The 22nd annual Christmas Ideas (craft show) festival is being held at Granite City Center at the Harold Brown Recreation Center on Saturday, Nov. 20, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Health bill ignores legal accountability

By Sen. Dick Durbin

The U.S. Senate recently passed a Republican version of managed care reform that ignores an issue at the very heart of reforming health maintenance organizations — legal accountability.

It did nothing else but remove the special immunity that HMOs currently enjoy when they maim or kill a patient; we would have achieved a major victory for America.

Unfortunately, the majority in the U.S. Senate voted to continue the special protections given to HMOs.

Most people are stunned to know that if you received your insurance through your employer, you cannot take a health insurance company to court if they hurt you.

Since 1974, a federal law known as ERISA (the Employee Retirement Insurance Security Act) has protected health insurance companies from being sued. You might ask how many other businesses in America have such a deal that they can avoid all legal consequences if they injure or kill you?

The answer is none.

The Republican majority, which parades values and responsibility, last month decided to protect the HMOs off the hook when they cause patients harm. They did not want to hold the HMOs responsible in the most basic form of adjudication in our country, a jury of peers. At the time, the health insurance companies, the Republicans were determined to stop 123 million Americans from ever having the chance of a day in court, should their HMO make a decision that results in injury or death.

The Republicans trotted out two arguments: one, that you cannot sue your way to quality health care; that costs would spiral out of control, and that the courts would be deluged. One state, Texas, has passed comprehensive HMO protection with no legal accountability over the veto of Texas Gov. George W. Bush. Since enactment of the Texas HMO liability bill two years ago, only three cases have been filed in Texas courts. Premiums have not increased, and the premium increases nationwide. In fact, premium increases have been less than the nation-

al average.

When asked about the effects of lawsuits on premiums, an Asthma officer said, "We would charge the same premium to a customer with the ability to sue as we do those who do not have the ability to sue. Why?" Those judgments have been a very small component of overall health care costs.

Yet, Republicans continue to protect insurance companies rather than patients. They strip people like Melissa Wileman of all remedies.

More recently, a cancerous peripheral nerve tumor Chemotherapy reduced the tumor by 70 percent, but a bone marrow transplant was necessary. Her insurer initially refused to pre-certify the procedure.

After being contacted by Melissa's attorney and the Pennsylvania Insurance Department, the insurance company reconsidered and agreed to pay for the treatment. But Melissa's condition had worsened due to the delay and she became too weak for the transplant. Three months later, she died. The courts held that ERISA precluded her family from any legal remedies. Death by delay had no cost to the insurer, but it cost Melissa her life.

Republicans took their bill's "expedited appeals process" for people like Melissa. What they fail to tell you is that the Republican bill allows the HMO to pick and pay the reviewer, hardly an independent, unbiased appeals process.

More recently, a case of Melissa Wileman shows, 109 days of denied care may permanently disable or even kill you. Without legal accountability, there is no cost to an unscrupulous HMO that stretches out the appeals process to the maximum allowed.

Under current law, if you purchase your own insurance, or are in a Medicare or Medicaid HMO, or are a state or local employee, you can get full legal redress if you are injured by your HMO. Don't all Americans deserve legal protection?

Congress has created a privileged class by prohibiting us from holding health insurance companies accountable under the law. Americans deserve better.

Dick Durbin is a U.S. senator from Springfield.



Clinton plan raises too many questions

By Rep. John Shimkus

No senior should have to worry about whether they can afford the medicines they need to stay healthy.

The recent recommendations of the bipartisan Medicare Commission offered us an excellent opportunity to work in bipartisan fashion to protect and preserve Medicare. However, the President did not support the bipartisan recommendations on the Commission favor.

The Clinton-Gore proposal raises more questions than it answers. Their plan increases monthly premiums for seniors, gives the government more power over seniors health-care decisions and actually cuts Medicare.

I am opposed to any plan that puts Washington bureaucrats and politicians in charge of seniors' health-care decisions. Also, we need to strengthen, not weaken, Medicare.

I support a plan that will give seniors access to prescription drugs, while at the same time, giving seniors a choice, keeping costs down, strengthening the Medicare system for the long term and not adding a government role in seniors' health care decisions.

Rep. Shimkus (R-Collinsville) can be reached at his district offices in Springfield at (217) 492-5090 and in Collinsville at 344-3065. Also, check our Shimkus website at www.house.gov/shimkus.

for prescription drugs through

Medigap plans, private employer plans, Medicare-Plus Choice, Medicaid or other state assistance programs. These seniors, who already have prescription coverage should not be forced into a big government plan.

Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert and Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott recently issued a joint statement: "We want every senior to have the choice to have the best possible health care, including access to affordable prescription drugs," they said.

"We look forward to examining the President's proposal, learning the answers to our questions and working toward a bipartisan solution to strengthen the retirement security for our seniors and their families."

I support enhancing seniors' access to prescription drugs, while at the same time, giving seniors a choice, keeping costs down, strengthening the Medicare system for the long term and not adding a government role in seniors' health care decisions.

As the Madison County elderly population continues to grow, there is a definite need for a County Nursing Home and Shelter Care Home. We can help in the fight to keep these homes open by writing to the IHPPB, by letting them know our desire to have quality care available. The public can have an impact on the IHPPB's decision in the Aug. 19-20 meeting concerning the outcome of the County Board's proposed plan.

Letter to the editor

Board's decision is perplexing

TO THE EDITOR:

I am concerned about the impending closing of the Madison County Nursing Home and the Sheltered Care Home and I am perplexed about the way the board pushed the initiative through without providing knowledge to the voters concerning the homes tax issues. I am also concerned about the tax increase in hopes that it would defeat in the March, 1998 election. The board did not spend the eligible funds to clarify to the public that by defeating the proposed tax and bond increase the homes would be closed.

The board's decision, for me, raises many questions.

First, was there a need for a tax increase, when in fact the homes were solvent. Records show that even though the County projected a deficit there was actually a \$1-\$2 million yearly balance since 1993. This leads me to believe the County Board was wanting to end their responsibilities to the public and get out of the nursing homes business.

Second, are the needs of the Madison County residents a top priority at this point when the board's solution is to close the homes? I find it absurd that we would turn to private care when the Madison County Nursing Home was rated first in the county out of 32 facilities and eighth in the state out of 320 facilities because of the high quality care given to residents.

As it stands now, the only hope is that the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board (IHPPB) denies the request to close the Nursing Home and turn over the Sheltered Care Home to a private corporation.

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There are trash television talk shows, murder and rape in movies, profanity and talk of violence in our music today. How do you think all this affects our younger generation?



"As a parent of two daughters, I am appalled at all the emphasis on violence and sex in television, music and movies. This effects us, and our ethics are forgotten."



"Of course, it affects our children. They need to learn good morals and need decent role models, not to see all this trash that music, television and movies hand them."



"There appears to be a breakdown of moral value. The trend seems to be anything goes if its profitable. Our young people need to see more positives."



"I think with all the shootings and bombings, kids can tell the difference between fact and fiction. But then there are some that believe there is a world of good morals and ethics. We see and that really scares me."



"Our kids are our most valuable resources. They are our future. Please let's try to give them a world of good morals and ethics. Not all this trash we see and read about."

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News

\$455,000 deficit budget expected

Obituary

Tina Rolen
TINA ROLEN, 44, of Granite City, died at 12:07 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20, 1999 at her residence. She was born Sept. 5, 1954 in Granite City. Mrs. Rolen was a sales clerk at Wal-Mart. She was a member of Word of Life Tabernacle in Granite City and attended First Baptist Church in Granite City.

She is survived by her husband, Ronald Rolen; three daughters, Kimberly Yates, Cynthia Gonzalez and Leslie Chapman, all of Granite City; a son, Raymond Yule of Edwardsville; a brother, Barlow Harris of Collinsville; a sister, Janice of Granite City; and step-sisters, Judy Rolen of Granite City; five step-sons, Ronald Gillespie, Scott Gillespie, and Keith Gillespie, all of Arizona; William Gillespie of Collinsville, and Billie Jo of Granite City; and 15 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Raymond C. and Newell C. (Leach) Tate.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 22, at Thomas Mortuary, Granite City. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 23, at the mortuary with the Rev. Warren Huffines officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Edwardsville.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Late Summer Tips
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Where Beautiful Things Begin

August is slowly fading away, and with it, a good portion of the gardening season. But there's still plenty to do. Cool weather's a long way off yet.

Plant debris from the garden should be discarded. Dead plant material may contain unwanted insect eggs and provides winter homes for many unwanted pests.

Make cuttings of geraniums, fuchsias and impatiens for indoor plants this winter.

Spray houseplants kept outdoors with a household insecticide before bringing them inside.

When purchasing bulbs, be sure to pick some bone meal or bulb food that is high in phosphorus. That's one with a high middle number on the container.

Make frequent trips through your vegetable garden and harvest whatever is ready. Warm temperatures encourage quicker ripening.

Corn is usually ready to harvest when the silks turn brown. You may also want to open an ear to check the upper kernels.

Cantaloupes are ready to harvest when the stem pulls away easily from the melon when it's wiggled.

Don't prune your shrubs any more this year. Doing so may stimulate new growth that may be damaged by cold weather.

Avoid pruning evergreens. Allow the plants ample time to harden off their new growth before winter.

If corn earworm is a problem in your garden, spray the silks with either Diazinon or Sevin.

Bulb planters make the job of planting bulbs much easier.

If you have a hard time remembering the names

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

A "one-time" deficit of about \$455,000 is expected in this year's budget for the Madison School District.

MADISON A public hearing on the budget will be held at 6:45 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 16, before the regular meeting. Both the budget and upcoming tax levy are expected to be approved at that meeting.

The budget covers the fiscal year beginning June 30, 1999.

The district will spend approximately \$10 million, while taking in slightly more than \$9.5 million in revenue.

However, Superintendent Greg Allison said existing fund balances make up the difference.

"This has been expected for several months and there is no cause for alarm since the district has adequate funds balanced to offset this loss," he said.

He said the bulk of the deficit — about \$300,000 in the

district's operating funds — was the result of a slight decrease in tax revenue, and a "considerable amount" of spending for capital improvements.

He also said the budget for the coming year will allow the district to keep all of the educational initiatives started in recent years, including full-day kindergarten and keeping kindergarten and first grade classes at about 15 students each.

Most of the district's expenses — about \$8 million — are in the education fund, which pays for most of the day-to-day operation.

Keeping the budget balanced has been an important goal for the Board since the decision was taken off the Illinois State Board of Education's financial watch list in 1996.

Allison said he is "very pleased" with this year's budget.

Drivers urged to consider alternatives

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

As part of Rideshare Week '99, St. Louis region commuters are being asked to consider an alternative mode of transportation.

The week's Rideshare Week will be Sept. 13-17. The theme will be "Rideshare. It's about time." Commuters are being asked to try car pooling, van pooling, or mass transit, rather than drive to work alone.

The yearly event is sponsored by RideFinders as a way to remind commuters that alternative modes of transportation help ease traffic

congestion, reduce vehicle emissions and improve regional quality of life.

"We want to encourage area commuters to think about the time they spend stuck behind the wheel in their cars and how they can save time and money by trying an alternative mode of transportation," said Jane Smith, program manager for RideFinders.

Commuters will be encouraged to fill out pledge cards, which will also enable RideFinders to give them a personalized matchlist of potential car and van pool partners with similar commutes.

Participants filling out pledge cards will also be entered for prizes ranging from a weekend getaway to Chicago, to St. Louis Cardinals

baseball tickets, to a home fax machine or bicycle.

"We're excited about the variety of prizes we have to offer commuters who pledge for Rideshare Week '99," Smith said. "While people who take mass transit know they can save both time and money by continuing to share their ride, the chance to win a great prize is incentive to try it for the first time."

Those interested in pledging can pick up cards throughout the St. Louis region, at the MetroTide Store at St. Louis Community College, or online at www.ridefinders.org.

RideFinders is operated by the Madison County Transit District, which serves seven counties in Illinois and Missouri.

At a recent MCT Board meeting, Smith said they have seen a steady increase in the number of car pools and riders, while van pool numbers fluctuate more.

She noted that for June, van pool ridership was off about 6 percent, to 17,380 from 18,656 the previous year, which she attributed to people going back to sing-up after construction along I-55 near the Blanchette Bridge was completed.

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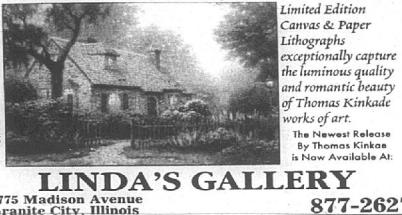


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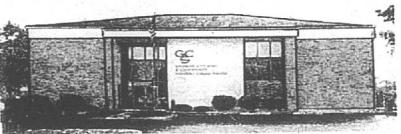


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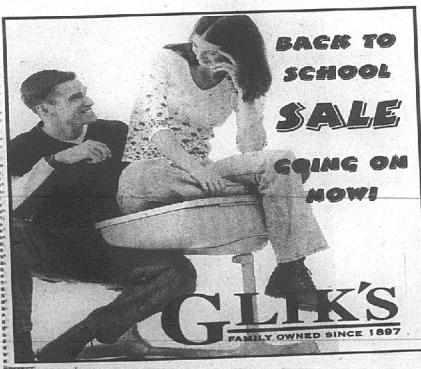
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Road projects get County Board funding

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paid from County Matching Tax Funds.

Board Member Don Rea, (D-Granite City) who chairs the Highway Committee, said the county budgets about \$2 million for road projects throughout the county.

The Old Rock Road

Improvements will widen approximately 3,800 feet north of Rock Road, and will include widening and resurfacing of the existing road. The county's resolution is to pitch in \$280,000 toward the project, and to

"Stratford is becoming much more important as they're developing the neighborhoods in the area."Don Rea
Madison County Board member

agree to additional funding later, if necessary.

The Town of Venice and the Tri-City Regional Port District are working with the County Highway Department for the planning and funding of the project.

"They hope to bring it up to a better grade surface to

support what they hope will be more industrial development," Rea said.

Road improvements are also slated for Mockingbird Lane on the east side of the city. The plan calls for the entire length from Stratford Lane on the north end to Illinois 162 on the south end.

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Yard being constructed by local railroad

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rail. Construction of the roughly \$7 million facility is expected to be completed by late this year or early next year, said Dave Malone, terminal manager for Triple Crown, a rail operation.

He said they picked that site because of its location "It has nice accessibility to highways," he said. "Interstate 270 is right there."

In addition to having a number of customers in the area such as Dill Corp — which operates an

80,000-square-foot warehouse and regional distribution center nearby, Malone said having a terminal east of the Mississippi River can save them making deliveries throughout the St. Louis region.

By avoiding delays in going through the terminal yards and the Merchants' Bridge, he said it will actually be quicker to unload the trailer from the rail line in Illinois and drive them to their destinations throughout the St. Louis area.

The new facility will be capable of handling two 125-unit trains at one time, with with parking for approximately 300 more units. Malone said there is also the possibility of adding another set of tracks.

The facility will stretch from Illinois 111 to Illinois 255, and include about 14,000 linear feet of rail.

About 45-50 people will be employed at the site full-time, along with at least 50 drivers.

Triple Crown now operates the yard on Hall Street in St. Louis but must relocate.

"Basically we originate the facility. With all the containers coming in, parking is at a premium," Malone said.

Island land draws area firm's interest

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have contacted the mayor about the area, he said.

"It seems to be some interest now," Echols added.

"I think the location is ideal. It's good news if it reaches fruition."

The council is also expected to consider an inducement resolution regarding the city's tax increment financing district at the Aug. 31 meeting.

The Kerr Island area is a part of the city's TIF, which was created several years ago to spur development of a senior citizen retirement project on North Street. However, that project stalled soon after the TIF was created and nothing has been done since.

The possibility of

"I (a new business at Kerr Island) seems to be of some interest now. I think the location is ideal."

Tyrone Echols

Venice mayor

industrial development is good news for the city, which has been hit by a number of financial setbacks in the past year, including financial problems at the McKinley Bridge, the re-assessment of the AmerenUE power plant and a negative multiplier.

In other business, the council will ask a

representative of Madison County Community Development to attend the Aug. 31 meeting to discuss demolition projects in the city.

Aldermen complained that contractors hired to do demolition under MCCD grants have been too slow.

Storyteller entertains children

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'I never learned so much from a puppet show. It was like taking a child's history class.'

With Sam

Shawanda Williams and her son, Devin, 9, walked away smiling. "It was sort of cool," Devin said, holding his mother's hand.

Hechenberger is a certified teacher who spends his summers working with children through storytelling. His stories include Native American interpretations of constellations, folktales about Europe and Africa and tales of Midwestern tribes.

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FALL PREVIEWS -- GIRLS TENNIS

Warriors hope to cross .500 mark

Four seniors pace Granite City

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

After falling one game short of the .500 mark last year, the Granite City girls tennis team sets its sights on crossing the .500 mark again.

**GIRLS
TENNIS**

The Warriors began practicing this past

"We have four returning seniors," Granite City coach Linda Ames said. "Beth Siebold and Katherine Isom will be playing first doubles again. They're playing really well and we expect big things from them, obviously."

"Our other two returning seniors are Julie LeMaster, who ended up playing first singles last year, and Krista Morton. Julie is probably

"They are playing really well and we expect big things from them, obviously."

Linda Ames
Granite City coach
on her No. 1 doubles team

in place to play first or second singles again. Krista is going to play second doubles with (sophomore) Sarah Dettwiler. Sarah has come along a whole lot."

Beyond the seniors, the Warriors have

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Tim Stephenson photo

The Granite City girls tennis team can rely on the leadership of four seniors returning for the 1999 season (from left): Krista Morton, Beth Siebold, Kathryn Isom and Julie LeMaster.

Maroons still team to beat in Metro East

Belleville West tries to extend string of success

By Scott Marion
Staff writer

"The Stewks" is alive and well and so is Belleville West's status as the best girls tennis team in the Metro East.

In 1998, the Maroons had their 10th consecutive undefeated season in regular season dual matches, posting a 10-0 record to extend their streak to 11. Belleville West also won a ninth consecutive Southwestern Conference championship and a 14th consecutive sectional title.

West capped its season by placing ninth at the IHSA state tournament. Along the way, the Maroons won two Edwardsville tournaments and the Champaign Centennial Invitational.

Four players graduated from

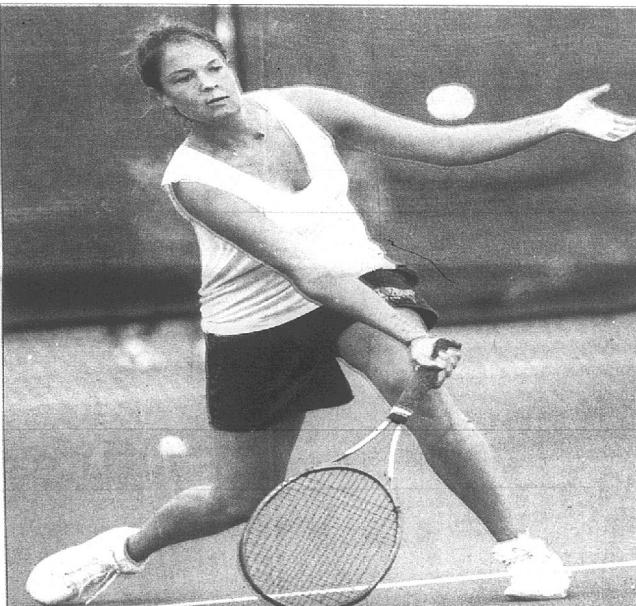
the 1998 squad, including state qualifier Lindsay McMillin and Sarah Hardin. The Maroons also lost some players to cheerleading and other sports but return a strong nucleus.

Lauren Carey, a three-time state qualifier, returns to play No. 1 singles. She also is a two-time state class A champ. Carey was second-team all-state in doubles with McMillin.

Sophomore Lindsey Irwin, the defending sectional singles champion, will play No. 2 singles behind Carey. Junior Lissa Farquhar, the sectional runner-up, will play at No. 3. Junior Courtney Johnson assumed the fourth spot, with juniors Kerry Sims and Allison Coats not far behind.

Roundout the top eight are seniors Dawn Reuter and

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T.L. Witt photo

Belleville West senior Lauren Carey is a three-time state qualifier and earned second-team all-state honors in doubles last fall.

Kahoks set for season

CHS players enjoy the game

By Bill Hester
Correspondent

The Collinsville girls tennis team has had limited success on the courts

recent years. But at least the Kahoks have had fun playing there.

"They do have a good time out there," Kahoks coach Michele Stufts said. "They are what you call hit and giggle players. It resembles a sorority at times. I'm glad that they have a good time, although they may be a bit too social for my liking."

Stufts doesn't mind the fun, but she also wouldn't mind a few more victories in 1999. Collinsville was 3-12 overall last season and 2-4 in the Southwestern Conference.

"It's very hard for us to compete with some of the teams in the conference," Stufts said. "A lot of

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Lancers still powerful despite graduation losses

Two state qualifiers return to lead Belleville East

By Scott Marion
Staff writer

Some things just don't change for the Belleville East girls tennis program.

Despite the loss of several players from the 1998 squad, the Lancers again should be among the top teams in the Metro East.

"We were 9-3 in dual matches last year and had two doubles teams and two singles players out of the sectional (for the IHSA state tournament)," Lancers coach Mike Thompson said. "We were right in the battle in all of our tournaments, so we had a real solid year."

Graduation losses from the '98 team included Lindsey Stadelman, Christy Hoeffe, Melissa Johnson, Rachel Picard and Natalie Williams. But two state qualifiers — Becky Brunner and Rebecca Wendel — return for their senior seasons.

"Brunner was ninth at state in doubles as a freshman and she was 17th in singles as a sophomore," Thompson said. "She had a real strong off-season and she's trying to be one of the top players in the whole

state last year with Johnson and posted a 12-2 record."

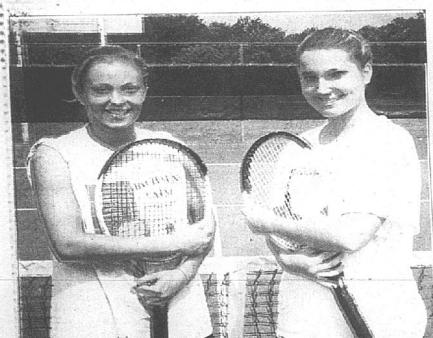
"My goal is to make it back to state again, and having played there before should help me a lot," Wendel said. "My coach, Michele Stufts, and (assistant coach) Dan Skaer has helped with that. I've been able to pick up my pace."

Other returning starters for East are junior Devin Foy and seniors Chrissy Daco and Emily Guest. Several vocal varsity players are seniors Liz Hess and Amber Raymond, juniors Kiffin Butz, Emily Guest, Kristina Hill, Kim Callen and Shelly Schreiber, sophomores Lori Bishop, Mary Clark, Morgan Edwards and Rosie Tangromgmit and freshmen Lindsay Bishop and Christine Watkins.

"Lindsey Bishop is a very talented freshman who should be in the top four," Thompson said. "Daco has improved a lot and should also be in the top four. Chrissy Daco has doubles experience and will be in the lineup, too."

"We have 40 girls out for the team after a turn-around of 25 last year. That includes 18 freshmen, so the future looks real promising."

East opens Saturday in the 16-team Champaign Centennial Tournament.



Seniors Becky Brunner (left) and Rebecca Wendel return for the Belleville East girls tennis team after qualifying for state last season.

FALL SPORTS PREVIEWS — GIRLS TENNIS

Tigers coach optimistic about improvement

Lipe expects even bigger things after landmark season

By Bill Hester
Correspondent

Edwardsville tennis coach Dave Lipe is anxious to see what his girls team can do for an encore in 1999. The Tigers had a remarkable season in 1998 with the program's best finish in the IHSA state tournament (16th), their first all-state performers (Lindsay Anderson and Kristin Boedeker in doubles) and statewide coach of the year honors for Lipe.

Edwardsville also played in a brand new eight-court facility.

"I took over the team six years ago

and it's encouraging to see how the girls have progressed through the years," Lipe said.

Edwardsville has won two sectional championships in a row and has lost to only one team (Belleville West) in a dual match in two years.

"I'm optimistic about the team this season," Lipe said. "I feel we have a good shot at beating anybody on our schedule."

And that includes Fenton (Mo.) St. Joes' Academy, which has won five consecutive Class 4A state championships in Missouri.

"I don't want to put any limitations on this team," Lipe said. "If we were

playing in the National Football League, our goal wouldn't be just to beat the playoffs but to win the Super Bowl. Our goal last season was to win the state tournament and that is our goal again."

It's certainly a lofty one but the Tigers should be an improved team this season as they lost only one senior (Boedeker) from last year's squad.

Senior Maggie Fischer hopes to continue her stellar high school career in fine fashion. Fischer has been the No. 1 singles player with the Tigers since her sophomore season and enters her final year as the

winningest player in school history. Fischer was a singles qualifier at the state meet last season along with junior Jessica Gugger. Those two provide the Tigers with a potent 1-2 combination at the top of the lineup. Sophomore Lauren Schmidt is another top player who could play No. 1 singles for some other area teams.

Returning for Edwardsville is the doubles team which spent most of the season at No. 1, Lipe said: senior Laura Barnhill and junior Lindsay Carlile. Barnhill is a four-year varsity player who is second only to Fischer in career wins. Carlile will miss at least a couple of weeks with an ankle problem.

"I'm really looking forward to this season," Lipe said. "We don't have

"If we were playing in the National Football League, our goal wouldn't be to just be in the playoffs but to win the Super Bowl."

Dave Lipe
Edwardsville coach

The nationally ranked player on the team is senior Bethany Ames. But we have at least 12 very good players and six very, very good players."

Edwardsville opens the season Aug. 27 at the Springfield Tournament. The Tigers are aiming for their fourth consecutive title in the event.

Warriors rely on seniors in pursuit of .500 mark

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several returning players who will take on larger roles this season.

"Our first or second singles player, depending on some challenge matches, is going to be (junior) Jolene Harris," Ames said. "If you look overall, Jolene is probably our most improved player. She has come along and she has improved immensely. She said it the other day, that she was taking it a lot more seriously this year. She is really playing very, very well, and we are really happy with her."

"Our third doubles team is going to be Sarah Doty and Jill Jenkins, both juniors. This will be their first time playing varsity matches, but

we think they will be a pretty strong third doubles team because they are both very consistent."

"Third doubles on a lot of teams tends to be a weaker point, and we think we have a pretty strong team there. We should be able to win some matches there because in girls tennis if you win the bottom, you should be able to win the top. That's in an attempt to bring us away from the higher-seeded girls but Julie and Jolene, and Katherine and Beth run into the other team's best players. A lot of times, a team may be adequate, but you may have one or two really good players who are way up top. That's what we have to work on, getting down when we are dropping those match-ups at the top."

"Our fourth singles player is Tiffany Rath,

and she is a freshman. She is a very good young player. She is going to play either three or four, and then our fourth position is still up in the air."

The Warriors, who were 7-8 last season, lost some key players to graduation, including co-captains Robyn Slater and Jan Shanafelt.

"We will miss Robyn and Jan and Andrea Pashko," Ames said. "They really will miss their talent but, more importantly, their love of the game and their spirit of competitiveness. Some of our girls are starting to pick up, but there are free agents here and there. Some competitors who hate to lose, no matter how good a girl they were playing. So we have big holes to fill there, but I think that right now we are doing really well filling those

holes."

Granite City's first match is at home Wednesday against Florissant (Mo.) McCluer

"Of course, we would like to finish at or above .500, that should always be our goal," Ames said. "It's a very tough conference, and next year it is only going to get tougher when O'Fallon comes back. They are a good team this year, but they are not playing for place this year. They are on all of our schedules."

"I think we are young, we are very young. We have a lot of freshmen out here who have never played before. We have to work with them and we do have to develop that talent so we have some future."



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Kahoks players show enthusiasm for the game

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communities surrounding us are bit tempestuous and that is not the case in Collinwood, which was disappointed though in a

couple of matches that I felt we could win which we didn't." Kahoks return their top two players from last year's team and also should be helped by the addition of a transfer from Metro East, Latisha Lewis.

Junior Katie Stutts, the coach's daughter, returns for her third year on the varsity. She has played No. 1 singles and is likely to be there again

this season. "Katie would make a great No. 3 player," Michele Stutts said. "She is a good player, play No. 1 for us. She's a pretty consistent player who seems to play her best against the better players she faces. I just wish she would be a little more consistent out there against some of the other girls she faces."

Senior Sara Dykes returns for her fourth year on the

varsity team. "Sara is a very good athlete who divides her time between tennis and softball," Michele Stutts said. "She was fortunate this year in having a more athletic team than we've had in the recent past."

Allison Wilke joins the Kahoks this season as a transfer from Metro East Lutheran. She could earn a spot near the top of the Collinwood lineup.

"Allison is going to be a nice addition," Stutts said. "She's a hard hitting player."

Collinwood also returns senior Martreece Leroy, junior Jill Welle and sophomore Andrea Moore. They all played on the team last year.

"I'm encouraged about what I've seen so far in practice," Stutts said. "We have some experience and we have some good rookies. I just hope that we can work hard and stay healthy."

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Maroons still team to beat in Metro East

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Tori Reuter, Reuter was part of a No. 3 double team that won a conference title last year. Sophomore Chantelle Gutz will play doubles, with senior Julie Culbertson and juniors Adrienne Klemme and Holly Klemme in the other two positions. Senior Amber Kager and juniors Sara James and Anne Callison could see varsity action.

"We've had double sessions—the first three or four days (of practice), but we haven't worked a whole lot on doubles compared to last year," Maroon coach Bob Keefe said. "It depends on whether Lauren Carey will play singles or doubles at the state tournament. She's probably one of the top five or six doubles players in the state, but she's also one of the top eight or 10 singles players. We'll gauge her singles success in the first half of the season and decide what to do."

West opens the season Saturday in the Champagnon Conference Tournament.

"Our team's depth is as solid as it's been the last several years, but we probably have a little more inexperience in the lower half of the team than we've had in the past," Keefe said. "But we play 10 girls in a lot of tournaments, and those girls have put in a lot of time during the summer."

Sports

BOYS GOLF PREVIEWS

Warriors harbor high hopes for '99

Granite City returns top seven players from last year

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

The Granite City golf team is optimistic about the 1999 season.

Most of last year's team return for another swing at the rest of the Southwestern Conference.

"We did real well last year," Granite City coach Boone Chaney said. "We had a regional, and Brett Briggs was low-scorer at the regional."

Since Monday, Granite City has been assembling at Arlington Golf Course at 1:30 p.m. in preparation for 18 holes of varsity qualifying.

"We have five seniors and two juniors who were lettermen from last year," Chaney said. "So far, those seven have been the top seven in qualifying."

The five seniors are Briggs, Ty Subre, Dan Harper, Josh Harrison, and Jeff Jorden.

"Jeff has lettered for the past three years," Chaney said. "He probably has had the lowest average on the team over the course of the past two years."

Juniors Ryan McAtee and Brett Solberger round out the squad.

"If they play to their capabilities this year, we should be very competitive in the SWC," Chaney said. "We have just been qualifying now, not really working on anything beyond the basics. All of them know how to play it, but it is their confidence that sometimes gets them in trouble, and that is what we will be working on in the weeks to come."

Chaney's experience will come in handy when the season kicks off Monday at the Redbird Classic at Lockhaven in Altoona.

"We have those seven lettermen, so they basically know what is going to tell them," Chaney said. "They have heard my speeches so

"If they play to their capabilities this year, we should be very competitive in the area.... All of them know how to play the game."

Boone Chaney
Granite City coach

much that they are sick of them.

"Any of those seven guys could be the low scorer on any given day, but there are going to be ups and downs. We are going to do our best to be competitive."

Since most of them know the courses and know how to play it, it is a matter of playing well on that particular day. We are more focused right now on the mental side than the physical side of things.

Chaney spent the past three years as an assistant to departing coach Deb

Germann.

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

The Granite City High coaching ranks again are full strength.

Brian Harshany, a 1990 graduate of Granite City High, last week

was named the girls softball coach at his alma mater.

"I think my name in the ring is good for the girls," Harshany said. "They didn't decide until Aug. 10 to make me the head softball coach. I didn't know if anyone else had applied for the job, but at the same time I had high expectations that I would get it. I was very happy when I heard that news, that I had gotten the job."

Granite City athletic director Jerry McKeegan said he also was happy about giving Harshany the job.

"We're extremely happy to have someone with Brian's background in softball," McKeegan said. "He knows softball and is an extremely capable coach. We're happy to have him on our staff."

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Brian Harshany
Granite City softball coach

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Harshany's experience runs deeper than his service as an assistant to coach Deb. Harshany was a three-year varsity softball player at Granite City, then played for two years at Lewis & Clark Community College before finding a career at Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville.

Harshany has been a member of the Illinois State Legions and Granite City Softballers since 1991. This summer, Harshany again played first base for the Steelers. But for the first time, Harshany also served as the head coach and had to deal with roster

defections that left his team groping for consistent participants.

"It's hard to make that transition from softball to baseball," Harshany said. "More or less, we had a problem with people's

willingness to play.... I expected the girls to come together and be here and they weren't. Hopefully the girls in softball want to play and come out for the team, want to play hard and win."

Harshany takes over a team that finished at .500 last season both in the Southwestern Conference and overall.

"I think we can definitely be as good as last year if the returning players come back," Harshany said. "We had a good season, and we should have had a better record, but we didn't. As a player and then a coach, I have realized that that just happens sometimes and there's nothing you can do about it."

"We want to put together some wins and try to build a winning tradition for the softball team...." Harshany said. "At the first conference, you have Belleville West, Belleville East, Collinsville, Alton, a lot of tough teams. It's a very competitive conference. To play with those teams, we have to work consistently hard in practice."

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I was sitting in my office recently answering some of the wonderful and heartwarming letters from you, my readers.

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"Please send me another copy. I want to send this to my nephews in Virginia who graduates from college soon. It would mean so much to me in my life at the moment, and I am sure it will be appreciated by my nephew."

I wondered to which column she was referring because

A New You



Catherine Galasso

each newspaper titles my column with a different name, so there was no way of knowing which one she meant.

I put the card down on the desk, something within me just knew that God would take care

of it, and I continued going through my stack of mail. The very last letter I opened was from a woman in St. Louis who wished to express her appreciation for a certain column and enclosed with her letter a copy of the column titled, "Give thanks before taking God's gifts."

I read the column with delight in the Lord's wonderful ways. I took the column and immediately placed it in Anna's envelope and sent it off to her.

It seems like a paradox, impossible but true, that time and time again God controls our lives. There are little miracles happening all around us, things that boggle the mind and delight the soul.

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Glen Carbon beach ordered closed by associate judge

By Dennis Grubaugh
Staff writer

A Madison County Circuit Court judge has thrown sand on a Glen Carbon subdivision beach that some neighbors say is a noisy nuisance.

Associate Judge Ann Callis this week reversed a decision of the village's Zoning Board of Appeals, which last year voted to allow the beach at the rear of Lake Hillcrest Estates.

Callis ordered the beach closed, supporting the position of attorney Arthur "Pete" Fields and wife Gloria, who last year sued Lake Hillcrest Corp. and the zoning board over the beach.

"This has been a hellish year for us," Gloria Fields said.

The Fieldses live at the end of Shadow Drive in the Glenwood Estates subdivision. The beach is just off a dam at the rear of their property.

The lake separates Glenwood subdivision from homes in Lake Hillcrest.

When the Fieldses bought their land in 1992 with intent to build their house, the beach was just a "little pile of sand with water in it," she said.

Subsequently, the homeowners association developed the area and made it attractive enough for neighbors to use for swimming and parties.

It was so attractive that crowds began disrupting the serenity the Fieldses said they had come to enjoy.

The beach had been there in one form or another for more than 40 years, before most of the surrounding houses. That prompted the Zoning Board of Appeals last September to declare it legal, even though it did not conform to the village's zoning ordinances, all of which were passed after the beach was

begun. The decision followed years of debate about the beach.

Pete Fields, who is chief deputy auditor for Madison County, and his wife filed their lawsuit against the zoning board's action.

"The zoning board considered this a hot item, but clearly they had an obligation to follow the law," said the couple's attorney, Steven Tillery of Belleville.

The village looks upon the judge's decision as instructive, given that the Fieldses were not sure how to enforce the ordinance, Village Attorney Gary Peel said.

"The village has said that we would follow whatever the judge said," he said.

The deed restrictions filed in 1964 for the subdivision do not provide for a park, beach, swimming area or similar use, Tillery said.

The purchase contract the Fieldses had with original

property owner Lowell Hampton showed nothing of a planned swimming area, Tillery said.

Although the beach was in use, it never was licensed, which drew the attention of the Illinois Department of Public Health in May 1996, the state ordered the subdivision association to cease the beach operation.

A year later, Lake Hillcrest Co. bought the planned swimming area and began making the necessary changes to the beach to bring it in

compliance with state requests. Within months, however, both the Glen Carbon subdivision administrator and the state Department of Natural Resources again advised the subdivision that the beach use could not continue.

Lake Hillcrest appealed the zoning administrator's order, and the Zoning Board of Appeals went on to lift the restrictions. The Fieldses' suit followed.

Peel said the subdivision has 30 days in which to appeal the decision. Otherwise, the village

will take steps to enforce the judge's ruling.

The attorney who represented the subdivision in a previous court appearance, Thomas Bureau of Hamel, could not be reached for comment Wednesday.

Gloria Fields said she and her husband have tried to convince their neighbors to move the beach to a different part of the lake. She believes that still is a viable alternative.

"You can move sand. I can't move my house," she said.

Police catch selves, city hall in Dumpster probe

By Barbara M. Cope
Staff writer

The Edwardsville Police Department has found itself in the unique position of having to patrol itself.

After residents complained about businesses that violate a city ordinance requiring enclosures to surround dumpsters and trash bins, Alderman Rich Madison asked the police to look into the matter.

What they found came as quite a surprise.

Patrol officers compiling a list of offenders had to include the Police Department with the other governmental and commercial organizations.

To add to the irony, the very building where the ordinance was approved has an enclosure, but the trash bin is taking up space next to it in an overlooking lot.

Although City Hall does not appear on the list, Alderman Rich Rezabek pointed out that it, too, is in violation.

"It was not included on the list because there was some

confusion as to who the Dumpsters there belonged to," Director of Police Bennett Dickmann said.

Every level of government is represented on the list, from several city departments to the U.S. Post Office on Kansas Street. The list of 191 includes 115 businesses, four Edwardsville School District schools and five establishments that have enclosures but don't use them.

Businesses on Main Street are the worst offenders, with a total of 31 addresses on the list.

"The report was greater than I anticipated. We need to either enforce the ordinance or change it," Madison said.

"If we can't enforce it, we need to look at changing it."

He said this was not the first attempt he has made at "resolving" the situation across the city and at City Hall. He said he assumed City Hall and the Police Department would be the first to be remedied.

"I think we want to move to get our house in order before

Dickmann said he had not received the Police Department's list, but he knew it had been in violation of the ordinance until his officers compiled the list because janitorial or maintenance work is handled by the cleaning and grounds crews of the Public Works Department.

"Since they really are the ones who deal with that, I didn't even think about it. I park right by it every day, and I never even thought about it," Dickmann said. He would fill out a work order with the department to build a structure or otherwise remedy the problem.

Tim Harr, assistant director of public works, said he also was unaware of the Police Department's dilemma because he doesn't empty the trash there, either, but the

City Hall bin had been brought to his attention.

Because it sits amid other buildings, he said, he said they needed to be noticed about any changes before the city moved its bin.

Across the rest of the city, there has been some debate about who should enforce the ordinance.

Although the police would seem the obvious choice, technically the ordinance is part of the zoning ordinance enforced through the Office of Development Administration.

As far as Madison is concerned, we will prepare some form letters," Dickmann said.

"It's not normally a police function, since it is primarily a zoning issue, but we are much more mobile, and we have agreed to take the lead on this."

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Horoscope

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11
TODAY'S BIRTHDAY: As you expand your range of interests for the year ahead, you will also widen your circle of friends, both socially and commercially. This will enable you to get involved in some exciting new areas.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If you're totally unable to motivate someone to join in on a social activity, don't wait around for them or try to get into gear. Get on with your life without this person.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A change in some underlying fact that comes to light today could be responsible for achieving your objectives today. You'll be able to act on what you couldn't do before.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Include someone in your social activities today who usually is left out of the loop. Everyone might be pleasantly surprised at discovering that this individual is a nice addition.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Ambition is likely to permeate



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your being today and as such, you might begin to ferret out what you need to do right off for something you previously felt was beyond your grasp.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22) Weighty matters aren't always overwhelm you today. You have the natural ability of taking that which is troublesome and turn it into something of worth.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Those cold feet you had concerning a financial endeavor or that was more complex than what you're accustomed

to might get warmed today as you unearth the way it needs to be handled.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Some decisions can only be made by taking adequate time to carefully balance all the facts and alternatives. When this is accomplished, you can successfully make your move.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You may discover that someone who treated you a bit shabbily in the past has come back for the better. If this is the case, be willing to give him or her a second chance.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) So long as you take ample time to analyze things thoroughly and carefully today, you can rejuvenate a project in such a manner that'll bring its success. Dig out the details.

TAURO (April 20-May 18) The only thing that matters is to know that your motives are pure. So don't be overly sensitive regarding what another might say about you. Just let them know if you believe you're right.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Present your plans in a straightforward, easy-to-understand manner so you'll receive the type of cooperation you need to execute your ideas. A no-nonsense approach is best.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26 Your social calendar is packed full of events. You'll receive the type of cooperation you need to execute your ideas. A no-nonsense approach is best.

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2. Name the 76ers player who has a twin brother currently playing in the NBA?

3. Know about "Dr. J.", what NBA legend is the 76ers' All-Time Leader for most points scored in a career?

4. Now playing for the New Jersey Nets, who had his number 44 retired by the University of Utah?

5. The Nets currently have the tallest player in the NBA. Who is he? At his height?

6. Of the schools entered in the 1998 Hoop & Shoot competition, which university in Indiana scored a big upset in the 1998 NCAA Tournament?

7. How many players did the Missouri Valley Conference in the 1998

Hoops Class?

8. What is the name of the professional basketball league that the St. Louis Swarm will play in next season?

9. Is the name of the new arena that the St. Louis Swarm will call their home?

10. How many players did the St. Louis Swarm draft from the University of Missouri?

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Movie schedule

Film timetables for Friday, Aug. 20. For times on other days or to confirm showtimes, check local theaters.

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Thomas Crown Affair 1:45, 3:45, 6:15, 9:15

Runaway Bride (PG) 7:00,

9:20

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Bowfinger (PG-13) 1:30,

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Iron Giant (G) 11:10,

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Dick (PG-13) 9:00

Big (DGA-13) 1:00,

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Star Wars (PG) 2:00, 12:15,

3:00, 5:50, 8:40

Teaching Mrs. Tingle (PG-13) 11:30, 1:30, 3:30, 5:30,

Runaway Bride (PG) 7:30,

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Sixth Sense (PG-13) 11:15,

Sixth Sense (PG-13) 12:30,

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Amigo (R) 1:30,

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The Haunting (PG-13) 11:00, 1:45, 4:05, 7:05, 9:45

Tarzan (G) 12:05, 2:05, 4:05

The General's Daughter (R) 7:00, 9:30

Mystery Men (PG-13) 7:00, 9:40

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Madison County MADD chapter in need of donations

By Curtiss Hartley

Staff writer

MADD, or Mothers Against Drunk Driving, is in need of resources to help educate young people about the dangers of driving drunk.

That's the message Cyndi Brown, victim advocate for MADD, is trying to get across. "We did a mailing to 650 people and businesses and got very little response," she said. She said MADD got a few donations from six or eight people, but they need a lot more.

MADD uses contributions to buy educational supplies for presentations to school classes. They use everything from coloring books and comic

books for young children to T-shirts and three-screen multimedia presentations for teens.

Brown said the group also wants to pay more to speak guides for teen driving demonstrations. The goggles distort vision so that the wearer sees things as if they are 16 weeks pregnant. Alcohol levels of .15 in Illinois, a level of .08 is considered legally drunk. The wearer then drives a car through a series of cones in order to get a sense of how hard it is to drive while intoxicated.

The Madison County chapter of MADD is an all-volunteer organization with about 55 members. The office is in Troy

but serves the entire county. Brown got involved with MADD not because she has been a victim, but because she doesn't want to become a victim of a drunken driver.

"Everyone asks me that," Brown said. "But no, I haven't had a lover lost killed by a drunk driver."

Brown has teen-agers who have never been involved in MADD, she said. "We're not against drinking. We're against driving drunk."

Besides the educational activities, MADD also offers victim support and workplace seminars. Brown just returned from a four-day training

workshop where she learned how to be a better advocate.

Volunteers like Brown offer support and encouragement to family members of someone killed or injured by a drunk driver. Brown said they will also attend court sessions with the victims.

"If someone from MADD is in the courtroom, they'll get a stiffer sentence," Brown said.

MADD meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in Troy. The office is located at 408 W. U.S. 40, Suite 103.

MADD uses contributions to buy educational supplies for presentations to school classes. They use everything from coloring books and comic books for young children to T-shirts and three-screen multimedia presentations for teens.

MADD is looking for additional members as well as donations from businesses and individuals.

"If people would get involved before something happens, we could keep drunk drivers off the roads," Brown said.

For more information about MADD, call 667-9691.

Glen Carbon's Project H.O.P.E. forced to move; now needs new home

By Sanford J. Schmidt

Staff writer

A local service agency for disadvantaged young people has lost its lease at the building it occupied and is in the market for a new home.

Project H.O.P.E. has been using its existing space free of charge but must move out by the end of the month because the owners have a tenant.

"The owners have been very gracious, but

as we're trying to save

detached, we're

going to have to move," said

Dawn Dargan, who operates the tutorial and recreation program with her husband, Doug Dargan.

There is still a lot of need

in the Cottonwood area. We

met out with seven

participants, but we gave

each one a scholarship," said

Dawn Dargan, a

minister and X-ray technician

positive values to the young people.

"People were really scared, but we were telling them,

"Let's help ourselves. People think everybody in the Cottonwood apartments are deadbeats, alcoholics and do-nothings, but not everybody here is like that," she said.

Many people responded as volunteers, and some of the volunteers who participated have come back as volunteers, Dargan said.

The police have been supportive of the effort, she said.

"I think it is an outstanding organization. It has given a lot of opportunity to young people to experience positive aspects of life, rather than all the negative things they see on the streets," said Detective Wayne White of the Glen

Cottonwood Police Department.

Other support comes from the village of Glen Carbon and the Edwardsville School District.

Dargan said Project

H.O.P.E., which stands for

Helping Our People Excel,

has three phases: the after-school

tutorial program, super Saturday and summer enrichment.

Adults can get help there finding jobs or obtaining GED tutoring.

A lot of help comes from ordinary people who feel good

"I think it is an outstanding organization. It has given a lot of opportunity to young people to experience the positive aspects of life, rather than all the negative things they see on the streets."

Det. Wayne White
Glen Carbon Police Dept.

Illinois farmers may benefit from two recent proposals

By Deborah Bates
Staff writer

Sen. Peter Fitzgerald, R-Chicago, has proposed a progress toward assisting Illinois farmers with two recent proposals. Congress approved a measure Fitzgerald proposed to help farmers prepare for times that are less profitable.

Farm Bush and Ranch Risk Management accounts allow farmers to defer taxes for up to 20 percent of their taxable income each year. The money will remain in an interest-bearing account for up

to five years.

The Senate Agriculture Committee approved

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Edward Kostecki turns 46
Ann Will turns 76
Also celebrating a birthday:
Connie Grimes
Celebrating an anniversary:
Roger and Cindy Clutts, 29
Janice Kippins turns 31
Jack Mifflin turns 71
Regina Knipping turns 77
Aaron Hoffman turns 13

Rachel Reed turns seven
Also celebrating birthdays:
Harold Ballentine, Mary Davis
and Fred Karp
Celebrating an anniversary:
Bob and Lynn Canada, 30
years; Mr. and Mrs. Harold
Ballentine
Aug. 23
Mike Young turns 32
Lucille Martin turns 90
Jill Schreiber turns 28
Also celebrating a birthday:
Elaine Ozanich

Aug. 25
Lisa Moring turns 34
Kati Lomen turns 11
Joe Kariles turns 38
Hayley Kariles turns six
Also celebrating a birthday:
Gerry Stieg
Aug. 26
Turen Davis turns 22
Tyron Dabis turns 22
Tom Tebbe turns 65
Sarah Summers turns 17
Blake Thompson turns five
Haylie Karlus turns six

Also celebrating birthdays:
Joyce Timko, Joseph Karius
and Diane Kramer
Celebrating an anniversary:
Jackie and Donna Severs, four

Aug. 27
Michael Turner turns 32
Larry Petri turns 43
Theresa Vanzant turns 71
Terrance Hutchinson turns 31
(1968)
Gary McFalls Sr. turns 59

(1940)
Melissa Pryor turns 21 (1978)
Also celebrating birthdays:
Jonathan Tetzlak and Judy
Novosel
Aug. 28
Jason Robertson turns 19
Kathy Tetzelak turns 30
Luke Stroey turns 14
Becky Slaten turns 82
Ryan Kite turns six
Also celebrating birthday:
Irene Wein
Celebrating anniversaries:

Irvin and Becky Slaten, 63
years) and Chrissy and Lee
Baker, six years

To submit an item to Milestones or delete an entry, send a postcard to "Milestones," Granite City Journal, 1815 Delmar Ave., Granite City, IL 62240.

Please notify the paper if a person listed in Milestones has died or no longer wishes to be listed.

Church briefs

The public is cordially invited to attend today's Men and Women's Day Services at MOUNT NEBO MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, 800 Jefferson Street, Madison.

The pastor of Mount Nebo will be in charge of the morning services, which begins at 10 a.m. Rev. Peter Taylor will be the speaker.

At 3:30 p.m., the women of Mount Nebo will be in charge of the services. Mrs. Anna Pruitt will be the speaker. Pruitt is a member of the New Salem Missionary Baptist Church in Venice, where she serves as a deaconess, director of the Sunday school, a member of the Ushers Ministry and member of the Christian Board of Education.

The men's theme is "Stand Up and Stand Out." The women's theme is "Women Claiming Their Independence Through Jesus Christ."

Holy Family Catholic Church's Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) the process for study to possibly join the Catholic Church, will begin at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 23. Confirmation classes will be held behind the church. Holy Family is located at 2600 Washington Avenue.

If interested, please call 618-714-2100. Father Tom (if not there, please leave a message for him), or stop by on Aug. 30. Questions concerning RCIA will be discussed once a week. Father Tom and the team will work around class members' schedules as much as possible.

PONTOON BAPTIST CHURCH has worship services at 8 and 10:45 a.m. Sundays. A nursery is available.

School Menus

Granite City Public Schools

Tuesday, Aug. 24

BREAKFAST: Breakfast burrito, cinnamon applesauce, milk; **LUNCH:** Pizza, whole kernel corn, sliced peaches, milk.

Wednesday, Aug. 25

BREAKFAST: Cereal, toast and jelly, fresh banana, milk; **LUNCH:** Hamburger and cheese on deli bread with lettuce and tomato, green beans, pineapple chunks, milk.

Thursday, Aug. 26

BREAKFAST: Spaghetti with meatballs, biscuits, orange juice, milk; **LUNCH:** Beef and bean taco with salsa, Spanish rice, mixed vegetables, fresh apple, slice of bread, milk.

Friday, Aug. 27

BREAKFAST: Waffles with syrup, biscuits, orange juice, milk; **LUNCH:** Fish fillet on bun, macaroni and cheese, sliced carrots, mixed fruit, milk.

Rules of the Road review course set

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White, in cooperation with the Granite City Area Council of Senior Citizens, is offering a Rules of the Road review course for all citizens in the Granite City area.

The course is free to everyone of any age who wishes to attend, and will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. Friday, at the Nelson Hagnan Township Building, 1060 Delmar Ave., Granite City.

The purpose of the course is to help applicants pass the Illinois drivers license renewal examination. Drivers are informed about the current vision and driving ability parts of the examination.

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Dodge Stratus

Dodge fine-tunes Stratus for better handling

By Tom Strongman

The Dodge Stratus slots into the highly popular compact segment with attractive styling, a big interior and for this year, crisper handling. While the Stratus and Cirrus are slated to be replaced with new models in the next model year, the current car continues to be honored.

The double-wishbone suspension was returned this year to improve responsiveness, resulting in sharper turns that put it on solid footing relative to many of its competitors. Even though the changes are rather subtle, overall balance has been improved and the steering has a better "on-center" feel.

The base four-cylinder Stratus is offered with a wide range of engines, beginning with a 2.0-liter, four-cylinder that cranks out 132 horsepower. This single-overhead-cam (SOHC) unit is the same as the one in the Neon, and it is offered along with a 2.5-liter V-6 engine and transmission. It starts at \$15,990 including freight.

Next up the line is the 2.4-liter, dual-overhead-cam (DOHC) four-cylinder that puts out 150 horsepower. It is mated to a four-speed automatic transmission.

The third engine choice is a 2.5-liter, SOHC V-6 that has 168 horsepower and an AutoStick automatic transmission. This combination is stan-

dard on the sporty ES model, which is the model driven for this report. Its base price was \$19,494.

The sporty and stately V-6 engine is an ideal complement to the automatic transmission, and the AutoStick feature, standard on every V-6, gives drivers the chance to shift for themselves if they desire. It is engaged by sliding the lever back or the back of the shift pattern, then moving the lever from side to side for upshifts and downshifts.

When the car comes to a stop, the transmission automatically shifts to first gear. After that the driver moves the lever for each upshift. In snowy weather it is possible to start off in either second or third gear to limit the possibility of wheel spin.

While the manual automatic transmission is pretty much a novelty that will go unused after the first few days, it's nice to have it for those times when you want to do some spirited driving.

The Stratus is well built, its exterior has a lot of interior room considering the overall size of the vehicle, thanks to Chrysler's cab-forward design. The 100-inch wheelbase is longer than most cars in this segment, so the front wheels have been moved out closer to the corners of the vehicle. Pulling the base of the windshield forward over the engine left more

space for up to five passengers. As a result, leg room in the back seat is considerably greater than one would expect for a car with an overall length of 186 inches.

Trunk room, too, is generous and can be expanded courtesy of the split-folding rear seat.

Dodge press materials indicate that other changes for 1999 include new graphics, instrument cluster, different door and door panel fabric, and reduced interior noise and vibration. The gauge faces of the ES are white with black numerals.

Beneath the center section of the dash, and in front of the gear lever, sit two large cup holders that are a bit out of the way.

Our test car was equipped with the eight-way adjustable power driver's seat, leather upholstery, keyless entry and a cargo cover. This \$1,280 option made the interior even more inviting and comfortable.

The Stratus front seats have excellent lateral support.

The base price of our Stratus ES test car was \$19,495. Options included leather seats, remote keyless entry, eight-way power driver's seat, cargo cover and a cassette AM/FM stereo.

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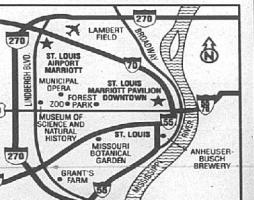
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 25 "Harvey" role
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 26 Outwits
 27 Handicraft from wine
 28 One of a daily three
 30 Covered with pain
 31 A move on Hearst protege Marion
 32 Boycott
 34 Extravagant
 37 It's in the bag at Pebble Beach takes orders
 38 Beamer
 41 Minor Lenn
 42 Big cheese
 43 Pepper
 45 Former Surgeon General
 46 Maude's sisters
 47 Differ ending
 48 Heavy movie
 52 Source of disapproval
 53 All wrapped up in my case
 56 French school
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 79 "The Prince of Egypt"
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 82 I.Q. test creator
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 87 Oz... etc.
 88 second largest asterisk
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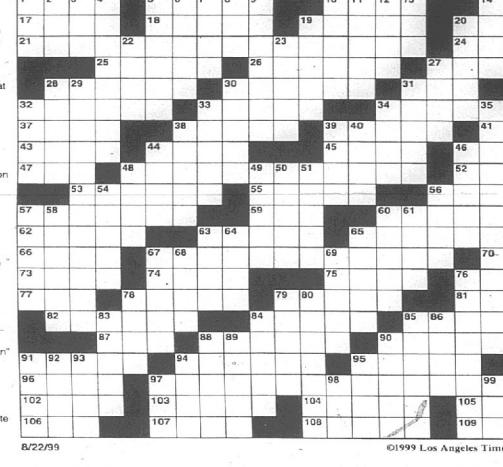
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 2 Fan noise
 3 — we having fun again?
 4 Arrest
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 11 Cornered
 12 Strange places
 13 High eves.
 14 Lemon or turkey
 15 Congressional output

16 Warhol
 17 Vital nos.
 18 Baby is to
 22 Activists
 23 Rogers'
 27 Saddlemate
 28 Mosaic part
 29 The last
 30 "Spani Splash"
 31 Car purchaser's option
 32 Water barmer
 33 Rabbit food?
 34 Built-in
 35 USA original members
 36 Pencil part
 37 Less narrow
 38 Snowboard
 39 Castle's defense
 40 Donkeys
 41 Jordan, to adoring fans

46 Spice rack label
 48 Bottom fish
 49 Show on high
 50 Fifty minutes after the hour
 51 — of the world:
 52 The last
 53 Strauss
 54 African towns
 55 LaPone or LuPone
 56 Polly the pet
 57 Forest
 58 — Monday
 59 Wed.
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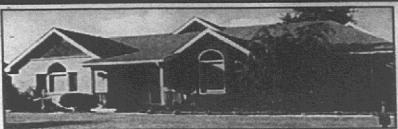
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COMMERICAL GREAT OPPORTUNITY! Granite City. Great opportunity to own a building that would make a great sales lot for your business. Insurance office, etc. LG405

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